

University of Kalyani

The Post-Graduate CBCS Course in Sociology for Semester-II 2021

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	MARKS
CC-6 (KUSOC201):	Theoretical Perspectives on Indian Society	4	50
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(For students of other disciplines)			
		Total:	20
			250

CC-6(KUSOC201): Theoretical Perspectives on Indian Society

Objectives: The students of this course will acquire fairly adequate and comprehensive understanding of Indian society with all its multi-faceted dimensions. This course is aimed at sensitizing them to the diversity as well as inter-connectedness of the theoretical perspectives on Indian society, thereby adding depth as well as insights to their understanding of the subject.

Course Outline:

Theoretical perspectives:

- Indological /Textual (G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont)
- Structural-functionalism (M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube)
- Positivistic View--B. K. Sarkar
- Marxian Approach (D. P. Mukerji, A. R. Desai, R. K. Mukerjee)
- Synthesis of Textual and Field Views (Irawati Karve, A. M. Shah)
- Civilizational View (N. K. Bose, Surajit Sinha)

- Subaltern Perspective (B.R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman)

Essential Readings:

Bhattacharyya S.K. 1990 Indian Sociology: The Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar, University of Burdwan

Bhattacharyya, G. 2012 The First Indian Social Theorist: Ideas of Bhudev Chandra Mukhopadhyay, University of Calcutta

DeSouza, P.R. ed. 2000 Contemporary India – Transitions (New Delhi : Sage)

Dhanagare, D.N. 1993 : Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology (Jaipur_Rawat).

Dube, S.C. 1973: Social Sciences in a Changing Society (Lucknow University Press)

Dube, S.C. 1967 The Indian Village (London :Routledge, 1955)

Dumont, Louis 1970 : Homo Hierarchicus : The Caste System and its Implications (New Delhi : Vikas)

Karve, Irawati 1961 : Hindu Society: An Interpretation (Poona : Deccan College)

Momin, A. R. 1996 : The Legacy of G. S. Ghurye: A Centennial Festschrift Popular Prakashan, Bombay)

Mukerji, D.P. 1958 : Diversities. People's Publishing House, Delhi.

Oommen, T.K. & P. N. Mukherjee, eds. 1986: Indian Sociology: Reflections and Introspections, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.

Singh, K.S. 1992 : The People of India: An Introduction, Seagull books, Calcutta.

Singh, Y. 1986 : Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns, Delhi Vistaar.

Singh, Y. 1973 :Modernization of Indian Tradition, Delhi, Thomson Press.

Srinivas, M.N. 1960 : India's Villages Asia Publishing House, Bombay.

Tylor, Stephen: India: An Anthropological Perspective References

Hardiman, David 1996: Feeding the Bania: Peasants and Usurers in Western India, Oxford University Press.

Hardiman, David 1987: The Coming of the Devi: Adivasi Assertion in Western India, Oxford University Press.

Lannoy, Richard 1971 : The Speaking Tree, A Study of Indian Culture and Society, London, Oxford University Press

Marriott, McKim 1990 : India through Hindu Categories Sage, Delhi

Mohan, R.P. and A. S. Wilke, eds 1994. International Handbook of Contemporary Developments in Sociology London, Mansell.

Singer, Milton and Bernard Cohn.eds. 1968. Structure and Change in Indian society, Chicago : Aldine Publishing Company.

Singer, Milton 1972 : When A Great Tradition Modernizes, Delhi, Vikas.

CC-7 (KUSOC202): Modern Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology-2

Objectives: This course aims at orienting the students toward the European tradition of sociological theorizing. They will also learn how the micro level behavioural aspects are connected with abstract macro-structures. One of the aims of this course is to develop critical and inquisitive insights among the students.

Course Outline

1. Critical Theory :

- The Frankfurt School: History and theoretical standpoints
- Horkheimer and Adorno: Culture Industry
- Jürgen Habermas: Life World; Public Sphere
- Pierre Bourdieu : Reflexive sociology, Capital

2. Post-structural; Postmodern

- Jacques Derrida: Deconstruction
- Manuel Castells: Network Society

3. Feminist Theory

- Dorothy Smith: Standpoint Theory
- Patricia Hill Collins: Matrix of Domination

Essential Readings:

Adorno T W et.al. 1972. *The Positivist Dispute in German Sociology*. London: Heinemann.

Anderson, Perry. 1979. *Considerations on Western Marxism*. London: Verso.

[Castree, Noel](#) and [Gregory, Derek \(Ed.\)](#). 2006. *David Harvey: A Critical Reader*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

Gouldner, A. 1970. *The Coming Crisis in Western Sociology*. New York: Academic Press.

Gramsci, Anthony. 1971. *Selection from Prison Note book*. New York: International Publisher

Habermas, Jurgen. 1984. *The Theory of Communicative Action*. Vol. 1, Reason and Rationalization of society. Boston: Beacon Press.

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Harvey, David. 2006. *The Limits to Capital*. Basil Blackwell: Oxford.

Held, David. 1980. *Introduction to Critical Theory*, Berkeley: University of California.

Hunt, R.N. Carew. *The Theory and Practice of Communism*, Penguin

Kolakowski, Leszek. 1976. *Main Currents in Marxism* (3 volumes), Oxford: Clarendon.

Lenin, V. I. 1976. *Materialism & Empirio Criticism*, Foreign Languages Press: Peking.

Martin Jay. 1990. *Marxism and Totality*, Berkeley: University of California.

McLellan, David. 1987. *Marxism after Marx*, Macmillan.

Barry Smart. 1985. *Foucault*. London: Routledge.

Best, Steven and Kellner, Douglas. 1991. *Postmodern Theory*, New York, Guildford Press.

Bill Ashcroft et al (ed). 1995. *The Post Colonial Studies Reader*, London: Rutledge.

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1972. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

..... 1979. *Distinction*. Harvard: Harvard University Press.

Castells, Manuel. 1996. *The Rise of the Network Society*. New York: Wiley and Sons.

Foucault, Michel. 1979. *Discipline & Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Vintage.

..... 1980. *The History of Sexuality*. Vol. 1, An Introduction. New York: Vintage.

Giddens, Anthony. 1979. *Central Problems in Social Theory: Action, Structure and contradiction in Social Analysis*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

..... 1984. *The Constitution of Society: Outline of the Theory of Structuration*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Jameson, Frederick. 1991. *Postmodernism or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism*. Durham, N. C: Duke University Press.

Said, Edward. 1978. *Orientalism*. New York: Pantheon Books.

..... 1993. *Culture and Imperialism*. London: Chatto and Windus.

Rowena Robinson (ed.), *Minority Studies in India*. Vol. 1 of Oxford India Studies in

Harding, Sandra. 2004. *The Feminist Standpoint Theory Reader: Intellectual and Political Controversies*. New York and London : Routledge

Collins, P.H. 2008. *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and Politics of Empowerment*. Routledge

CC-8 (KUSOC203): Social Research Methods & Techniques-1

Objectives: The objective of the present course is to orient the students towards field-based research. They will learn how to develop a suitable research design for a particular topic

Course Outline

1. Philosophy of Social Science Research: Epistemological and Ontological Considerations; Positivism; Objectivity and Reflexivity in Social Science, Distinction of Research in Sociology from Research in Behavioural Sciences and other social sciences
2. Fact, Concept and Theory; Deductive and Inductive Method, Grounded Theory in Research.
3. Hypothesis, Research Questions, Objectives; Research Designs, Causality, Validity and Reliability, Logic of Sampling and applications.
4. Methods and Techniques of data collection i. Interview: Unstructured, Semi structured, In-depth
ii. Focus Group Discussion iii. Observation iv. Questionnaire

Reading List

- Alasuutari, Pertti; Leonard Bickman and Julia Brannen (Ed). 2009. *The Sage Handbook of Social Research Methods*. Sage Publications: Los Angeles.
- Babbie, E. 2004. *The Practice of Social Research*. Thomson and Wadsworth.
- Baker, T.L. 1990. *Doing Social Research*. McGraw-Hill.
- Bryman, A. 2002. *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press: New York.
- Goode, G and P.K. Hatt. 1952. *Methods in Social Research*. McGraw-Hill.
- Barnov, D. 2004. *Concepts of Social Research Methods*. Paradigm Publishers.
- Samanta, Arabinda and Lakshmi Sitaraman. 2014. *Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Emerging Trends*. Burdwan Academic Staff College, The University of Burdwan (Sponsored by UGC)
- Seale, Clive. 2004. *Social Research Methods: A Reader*. Routledge: London.
- Somekh, Bridget and Cathy Lewin (Ed). 2005. *Research Methods in the Social Sciences*. Sage Publications: London.
- Young, P.V. 1964. *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*, Prentice Hall India, New Delhi.

CC-9 (KUSOC204): Economy & Polity

Course Objective: This course familiarizes the students to the conceptual foundations of economic sociology and its significance. It confers the processes of social production in different social formations and the relevance of the sociological approaches in understanding these processes. It also discloses to the students about emergent perspectives in economic sociology as well as the inter-connectedness between economy and society in the areas of development and globalization in modern times. This course introduces the process of governance from sociological perspectives and explores the relationship between state, society and market. It also emphasizes the relationship between governance and development in contemporary times. Moreover, it analyses the everyday experience of people in dealing with the state in the process of governance. It will draw examples from the India as well as the other countries of the world to exemplify the changing nature of governance.

Course Outline

1. Sociological Approaches to the study of Economy
2. Institutions: State, Market and Economy
3. Economy and Culture
4. Globalization, Neoliberal Economy and after
5. Conceptual issues in governance: State, Government, governance and governmentality
6. Social location of power, Politics of the governed, politics of representation: Role of mass media
7. Issues in local self-governance, Embeddedness and Governance

Essential Readings:

Swedberg, Richard, (2007), *Principles of Economic Sociology*, NJ, Princeton University Press
Smelser, N. and Swedberg, R. (eds.) (2005), *Handbook of Economic Sociology*, NJ, Princeton University Press

Smelser, Neil J. and Swedberg, R. (Eds) (2005). *The handbook of economic sociology* New York: Russel Sage Foundation.

Slater, D. (1997). *Consumer culture and modernity*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Pierre, J. and B.G. Peters.(2000). *Governance, Politics and the State*. New York: St Martin's Press,

Reference book(s) / Article(s)

Granovetter, M. (1985). Economic action and social structure: the problem of embeddedness. In *American Journal of Sociology*, 91(3): 481-510.

Polanyi, K. (1944). In *The Great transformation*, Boston: Beacon Press.

Weber, M. (1978). *Basic Sociological Terms*. in, *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*. USA: University of California Press.

Bourdieu, P. (2005). *The social structures of the economy*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Dodd, N. (1994). *The sociology of money: economics, reason and contemporary society*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Fligstein, N. and D. Luke. (2007). The sociology of markets. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 33,105-128.

Lie, J. (1997). Sociology of markets. In *Annual Review of Sociology*, 23: 241–260.

Parry, J. (1986). The gift, the Indian gift and the 'Indian Gift'. *Man*, 21 (3): 453-473.

Simmel, G. (1978): *Philosophy of money*. London: Routledge.

White, H. C. (2002). *Markets from networks: socioeconomic models of production*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Campbell, C. (1989). *The romantic ethic and the spirit of modern consumerism*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Kjaer, A.M. (2005). *Governance*. Cambridge: Polity Press

Bevir, M. (Ed.). (2007) *Encyclopaedia of Governance*, Berkeley: Sage

Foucault, M. (1991) "Governmentality" in G. Burchell et al. (Eds.) *The Foucault Effect*. pp. 87-104, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Bevir, M. (Ed.). (2007) *Encyclopedia of Governance*, Berkeley: Sage

Wittek R., Schimank U., Groß T. (2007) *Governance – A Sociological Perspective*. In: Jansen D. (eds) *New Forms of Governance in Research Organizations*. Springer,

Dordrecht Ansell, C. (2007). *Sociology of governance*. in M. Bevir (Ed.), *Encyclopaedia of governance* (Vol. 1, pp. 902-908). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications

World Bank. (1992). *Governance and Development*. Washington DC, 53 Chatterjee,

Scott, J.C. (1999.) *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Foucault, (1991).M. *Discipline and Punish*. London: Penguin,

Linke, U. (2006) "Contact Zones: Rethinking the sensual life of the state" in *Anthropological Theory*. Vol. 6, No-2, pp. 205-225,

Agere, Sam (2000) *Promoting Good Governance: Principles, Practices and Perspectives*, London, Commonwealth Secretariat.

GE (KUSOC205): Social Relationship

Objective: The course intends to design for those students who have no formal idea about sociology. They mainly come from other than sociology. It gives them an idea and an overview of the subject. Hence, they can develop an idea about the society where they live in and the nature of its surroundings. Focus should be on different relevant concepts like society, culture, institutions and agencies, nature of inequality, discrimination, and impact on society at large.

Course Outline

1. Approaches to the study of individual and society
2. Family, Marriage & Relationships
3. Social Stratification & Social mobility
4. Social control & Deviance
5. Social Construction of Gender

Essential Readings

Ahuja, Ram Social Problems in India, 4th ed., Rawat Publishing House

Beteille, Andre. Caste: Old & New.

Beteille, Andre. Inequality and Change in Indian Society.

Das V. (ed), 2004, Handbook of Indian Sociology, Oxford University Press

Desai, A.R. Essays on State and Society.

Desai, A.R. Modernization of Underdeveloped Countries.

Desai, A.R. Recent Trends in Indian Nationalism.

Desai, N. and V.Patel, Indian Women: Change and Challenge in the International Decade.

Dube, L. Hindu Kinship.

Dumont, L. Homo Hierarchicus.

Fuller, C.J. Caste today. Galanter, Marc. Competing Equalities.

Kapadia, K.M. Marriage and Family in India.

Mandelbaum, David. Society in India.

Madan, G.R. 2013. Indian Social Problems, Allied Pub. Pvt. Ltd. 7th ed., vol.-1

Oommen, T.K. and Partha Mukherjee (eds.) Indian Sociology.

Rao, C.N.S. 2015. Indian Social Problems: A Sociological Perspective, S. Chand Publishing

Sharma, K.L. Caste and Class in India.

Sharma, L. K. Social Issues in India: Causes & Measures

Singh, Yogendra. Essays of Modernization of India.

Singh, Yogendra. Indian Sociology.

Singh, Yogendra. Modernization of Indian Tradition.

Srinivas, M.N. Caste in Modern India and Other Essays.

Srinivas, M.N. National Integration in India.

Srinivas, M.N. Social Change in Modern India

Thormen, D. The Shaping of Modern India.

Uberoi, Patricia. (Ed), Family, Kinship and Marriage in India.

Verma, H.S. & Hassan, N. 2013. India's Current Social Problems, New Royal Book Co.